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1. The German criminal police in each Land or Province of the Russian Zone have an agency which up to now has been labelled the Landesnachrichtenzentrale, and is known in police circles as "LNZ". The work carried out has been exclusively along the lines of searches for missing persons (Fahndung). The Land Saxony headquarters of the service are located in Dresden.
2. The Dresden LNZ office is due to change its name in the immediate future to "Fahndungs-und Erkennungsdienst" (Search and Identification Service) and will supply police units with information and wanted list bulletins. The Dresden office employs three or four people and is considered more important than a Dezernat (bureau).
3. On 15 October 1947 a similar search and identification service office was to be established in the Wilhelmsruhe office of the Central Administration of the Interior. The Wilhelmsruhe office was to be known as "K 7". It will serve as a coordinating office, responsible for the Russian Zone and cooperating with the interzonal Fahndungsdienst.
4. An office already known as K 7 is in existence in Schwerin in the headquarters of Land Mecklenburg Criminal Police. The agency is, like the Dresden office, a search section, and is interested also in people being sought for political reasons. Chief of the Schwerin office is Kriminal Assistent Schmidt. It is reported that the agency works in close contact with the MVD and the Central Administration of the Interior of Berlin.

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